[Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose.]

Name of Station.	*Date of joining duty.*
District Hospital, Parasala	27-7-1096
General Hospital	1-10-1096
District Hospital, Nagercoil	3-10-1096
General Hospital	10-10-1096
District Hospital, Nagercoil	4-12-1096
District Hospital, Nedumangad	10-1-1097
General Hospital	15-2-1097
Hospitals for Incurables	16-2-1097
District Hospital, Kottayam	4-8-1097
Leave for 1½ months from	17-12-1097
General Hospital	1-2-1098
District Hospital, Arukutty	19-2-1098
Leave for 19 days from	2-10-1098
District Hospital, Nedumangad	28-10-1098

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*) : Was not the same question raised by Mr. T. Kumara Pillai, ex-member of the Council, once before and as a result Dr. Peter Lekshmanan was warned.

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : I am not aware.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR : May I know whether Government did not call for Dr. Lakshmanan's explanation ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : I am not aware.

Promotion of Mr. Hilkiah as Deputy Surgeon.

5. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Will the Government be pleased to state whether Mr. Hilkiah has now been promoted as Deputy Surgeon ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : Will the member be pleased to state whether when the promotion question came up, complaints about the officer and the representations made in the Popular Assembly in 1106 and 1107 were not brought to the notice of Government ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : The Medical Board recommended the promotion of Mr. Hilkiah in 1104 and 1105.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI : May I know when the promotion was made actually ?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE : In 1104.

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MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: May I know from the member whether he was not promoted on account of seniority, merit and efficiency?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: When promotions are made these are taken into consideration.

MR. G. NARAYANA AIYAR: In this case may I know whether those things were considered?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: Yes, they were considered.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: May I know from the member whether an acting promotion was given after receipt of complaints about the officer or before the complaints?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: As I said before, the first promotion was in 1104 and the second in 1105, *i.e*, before complaints were made against him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: If there are serious complaints against an officer, may I know whether such complaints will be considered when he is being promoted to a higher office?

MRS. M. POONEN LUKOSE: If there are complaints, certainly they will be enquired into at the time of promotion.

MR. KATTIYATTU SIVARAMA PANICKAR (*Vaikam* cum *Shertallai*): May I know whether seniority is determined on the basis of priority of service or length of service?

PRESIDENT: That is a general question; it does not arise.

Opening of the Tiruvitancode, Karinkal and Pattanam Kals.

6. MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to state what steps they have taken in pursuance of their reply to interpellation No. 17 given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 2nd August 1926, regarding the opening of the Tiruvitancode, Karinkal and Pattanam Kals, which was said to be under the consideration of the Chief Engineer?

MR. L. H. JACOB: Investigations conducted go to show that the water now available in the channels is barely enough for the lands now brought under cultivation. So no useful purpose will be served in opening fresh channels.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to state the probable area that may become available for conversion for paddy cultivation by the opening of this channel?

MR. L. H. JACOB: I am afraid I have not got the information.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the member be pleased to enquire into the matter?

MR. L. H. JACOB: Yes.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI: May I know what were the points that were considered by the Chief Engineer in coming to the conclusion contained in the answer?

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